

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An electrochemical cell system comprising:
an electrochemical cell;
an electrical energy source configured for providing a quantity of electrical energy to said electrochemical cell;
a sensing apparatus in operable communication with a gas output from said electrochemical cell, said sensing apparatus adapted to provides an output signal indicative of ~~indicating~~ a parameter of said gas output; and
a computer in operable communication with said sensing apparatus and said electrical energy source, said computer including:
a memory device configured to store a first operational parameter, and
a processor configured to receive a digital representation of said output signal and said first operational parameter, said processor configured to compares said digital representation of said output signal to said first operational parameter, and to regulate for ~~regulating~~ said quantity of energy provided to said electrochemical cell in response thereto.
2. (original) The electrochemical cell system of claim 1, wherein said parameter of said gas output is a pressure of said gas output.
3. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 2, wherein said first operational parameter is indicative of ~~indicates~~ a desired gas output pressure, said memory device is further configured to store a second operational parameter, said second

operational parameter is indicative of ~~indicates~~ a pressure variance limit relative to said desired gas output pressure; and

wherein said processor is adapted to provide ~~provides~~ an increase-signal to said energy source in response to ~~when~~ said pressure of said gas output being ~~is~~ less than said desired gas output pressure by an amount greater than said pressure variance limit.

4. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 3, wherein said processor is adapted to provide ~~provides~~ a decrease-signal to said energy source in response to ~~when~~ said pressure of said gas output exceeding ~~exceeds~~ said desired gas output pressure by an amount greater than said pressure variance limit.

5. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 2, wherein said first operational parameter is indicative of ~~indicates~~ an upper limit set point for gas output pressure, and said processor is adapted to provide ~~provides~~ a decrease-signal to said energy source in response to ~~when~~ said pressure of said gas output exceeding ~~exceeds~~ said upper limit set point for gas output pressure.

6. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 2, wherein said first operational parameter is indicative of ~~indicates~~ a lower limit set point for gas output pressure, and said processor is adapted to provide ~~provides~~ an increase-signal to said energy source in response to ~~when~~ said pressure of said gas output being ~~is~~ less than said upper limit set point for gas output pressure.

7. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 2, wherein said first operational parameter is indicative of ~~indicates~~ an expected increase in gas output pressure over a period of time, said processor is adapted to monitor ~~monitors~~ said output signal over said period of time to determine a change in said gas output pressure, and said processor is adapted to provide ~~provides~~ an interrupt signal to said energy source in

response to if said change in said gas output pressure being is less than said expected increase.

8. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 2, wherein said first operational parameter is indicative of ~~indicates~~ an expected increase in gas output pressure over a period of time, said processor is adapted to monitor ~~monitors~~ said output signal over said period of time to determine a change in said gas output pressure, and said processor is adapted to provide ~~provides~~ a signal to an alarm in response to if said change in said gas output pressure being is less than said expected increase.

9. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 7 wherein said processor is adapted to determine ~~determines~~ said first operational parameter based on said quantity of energy to said electrochemical cell.

10. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 9 wherein said processor is adapted to receive a signal indicative of ~~indicating~~ said quantity of energy in response to ~~is provided to said processor as~~ feedback from said energy source.

11. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 1, wherein said processor and a ~~said~~ non-volatile memory device are operably coupled to a remote computer, said remote computer is configured to provide said first operational parameter to said non-volatile memory.

12. (currently amended) The electrochemical cell system of claim 1 wherein said processor is adapted to determine ~~determines~~ said first operational parameter based on feedback from said energy source.

13. (currently amended) A method for controlling a gas output from an electrochemical cell electrically connected to an electrical source, the method comprising:

sensing a parameter of said gas output and creating to create a sensed signal indicative of indicating said parameter;
retrieving a predetermined value and a predetermined variance from a memory device;
comparing said sensed signal to said predetermined value;
providing a signal to said electrical source in response to when said sensed signal differing differs from said predetermined value by an amount greater than said predetermined variance; and
adjusting an output of said electrical source in response to said signal to said electrical source.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~10~~, wherein said parameter is a pressure of said gas output, and said predetermined value is indicative of indicates a predetermined pressure.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~10~~, further comprising:
providing said predetermined value and said predetermined variance to said memory device from a remote computer.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 13 ~~10~~, further comprising:
adjusting at least one of said predetermined value and said predetermined variance based on feedback from said electrical source.

17. (currently amended) A method of controlling a gas output from an electrochemical cell electrically connected to an electrical source, the method comprising:
sensing a parameter of said gas output and creating to create a sensed signal indicative of indicating said parameter;
retrieving a predetermined upper-value from a memory device;
comparing said sensed signal to said predetermined upper-value;

providing a lower-signal to said electrical source in response to ~~when~~ said sensed signal being ~~is~~ greater than said predetermined upper-value; and
lowering an output of said electrical source in response to said lower-signal.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
retrieving a predetermined lower-value from a memory device;
comparing said sensed signal to said predetermined lower-value;
providing an increase-signal to said electrical source in response to ~~when~~ said sensed signal being ~~is~~ less than said predetermined lower-value; and
increasing an output of said electrical source in response to said increase-signal.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said parameter is a pressure of said gas output, said predetermined upper-value is indicative of ~~indicates~~ an upper limit set point for gas output pressure, and said predetermined lower-value is indicative of ~~indicates~~ a lower limit set point for gas output pressure.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
providing said predetermined upper-value and said predetermined lower-value to said memory device from a remote computer.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
adjusting at least one of said predetermined upper-value and said predetermined lower-value based on feedback from said electrical source.

22. (currently amended) A method of controlling a gas output from an electrochemical cell electrically connected to an electrical source, the method comprising:
sensing a parameter of said gas output and creating ~~to create~~ a sensed signal indicative of ~~indicating~~ said parameter;

retrieving a predetermined value from a memory device, said predetermined value indicative of ~~indicates~~ an expected increase in said parameter over a period of time;

monitoring said sensed signal over said period of time to determine an increase in said parameter; and

providing a signal to one or more of an alarm and said electrical source in response to ~~when~~ said increase in said parameter being ~~is~~ less than said expected increase in said parameter.

23. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:

interrupting an output of said electrical source in response to said signal.

24. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:

activating an alarm in response to said signal.

25. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein said parameter is a pressure of said gas output.

26. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:

providing said predetermined value to said memory device from a remote computer.

27. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:

adjusting said predetermined value based on feedback from said electrical source.

28. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:

determining said predetermined value based on said quantity of energy to said electrochemical cell.

29-42. (canceled)

43. (new) An electrochemical cell system comprising:
an electrolysis cell configured to receive electrical energy and to produce hydrogen gas;
an electrical energy source configured to provide a quantity of electrical energy to said electrolysis cell;
a sensing apparatus in operable communication with a gas output from said electrolysis cell, said sensing apparatus adapted to provide an output signal indicative of a pressure of said gas output; and
a computer in operable communication with said sensing apparatus and said electrical energy source, said computer including:
a memory device configured to store a first operational parameter, and
a processor configured to receive a digital representation of said output signal and said first operational parameter, said processor configured to compare said digital representation of said output signal to said first operational parameter, and to regulate said quantity of energy provided to said electrolysis cell in response thereto.

44. (new) The electrochemical cell system of claim 43, wherein:
said first operational parameter is indicative of an expected increase in gas output pressure over a period of time, said processor is adapted to monitor said output signal over said period of time to determine a change in said gas output pressure, and said processor is adapted to provide an interrupt signal to said energy source in response to said change in said gas output pressure being less than said expected increase.

45. (new) The electrochemical cell system of claim 44 wherein said processor is adapted to determine said first operational parameter based on said quantity of energy to said electrochemical cell.

46. (new) The electrochemical cell system of claim 45 wherein said processor is adapted to receive a signal indicative of said quantity of energy in response to feedback from said energy source.

47. (new) The electrochemical cell system of Claim 4, wherein said electrochemical cell comprises an electrolysis cell.